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NEW ENGLAND ORGANIZED CRIME
DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE (OCDETF)

LAWRENCE MAN SENTENCED FOR HEROIN TRAFFICKING AND
UNLAWFUL REENTRY INTO UNITED STATES

Re: United States v. Victor PEREZ-TEJEDA, aka Miguel Rodriguez, aka Raphael Class

        CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and
Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey announced that Victor
PEREZ-TEJEDA, aka Miguel Rodriguez, aka Raphael Class, DOB 9/19/64, of Lawrence,
Massachusetts was sentenced today on heroin distribution and immigration charges.

        U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. imposed a sentence of 41 months
imprisonment followed by a 3-year period of supervised release during which PEREZ-TEJEDA's
behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation. PEREZ-TEJEDA also faces
likely deportation to his native Dominican Republic.

        On March 13, 2003, PEREZ-TEJEDA entered a guilty plea before Judge DiClerico to an
information charging him with possession with intent to distribute heroin and, after previously
having been deported, unlawfully re-entering the United States during April 2002.

        U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to the
New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, and the aggressive prosecution of
crimes related to drug trafficking, including immigration crimes where appropriate."

        The arrests resulted from a Boston and New Hampshire based DEA investigation
conducted by the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF).
The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the
Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England OCDETF.